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In re Application of: )  
André CHOULIKA et al. )  
Application No.: 09/713,017 ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Filed: November 16, 2000 ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: NATURAL OR SYNTHETIC )  
RETROELEMENT SEQUENCE )  
ENABLING NUCLEOTIDE )  
SEQUENCE INSERTION INTO A )  
EUKARYOTIC CELL )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. To the undersigned's information and belief, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in the parent application serial number 09/000,227, filed on January 23, 1998, upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. However, Applicants have enclosed a U.S. equivalent of previously submitted EP 0 336-822 A1. Applicants respectfully

request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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